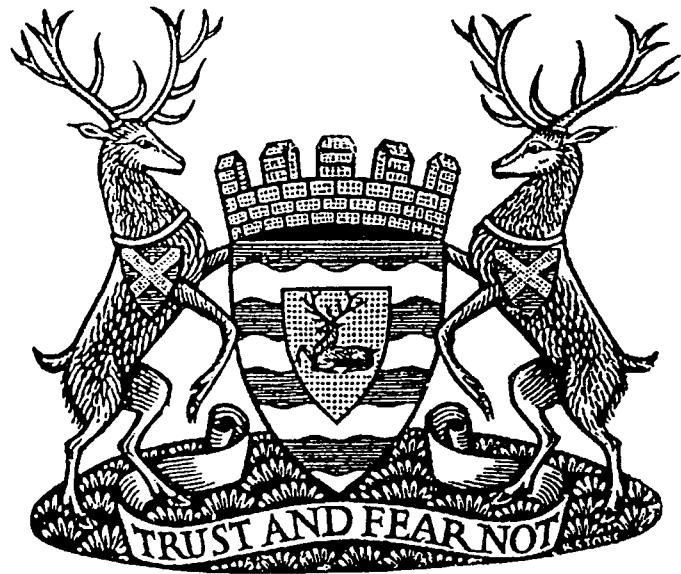


# THE HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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## Editorial

There have been several changes in Herts Chess in the last year. Bryan Fewell has retired from President for a well-earned rest, to be replaced by John Denton. We also have new captains for the SCCU U100 and Chiltern Adults teams, but sadly at time of writing there is no captain for the Chiltern U18 team, so it looks as if this one won't be run unless someone steps forward very quickly. Tim Thurstan takes over the role of chief arbiter from Glynne Jones, who stood down due to ill-health. We also have a new magazine editor, since Steve Law declined to continue at the last AGM. (I might point out I wasn't actually elected for this, since the post was unfilled at the end of the AGM. However since the magazine is an important means of communication within the Association I decided to take it on).

Congratulations to Lorin D'Costa on winning outright both the British U13 and U14 Championships. As far as I'm aware this is a unique achievement - hopefully one the England junior selectors can't ignore.

Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

At the AGM on 26 June I had the honour of being elected to succeed Bryan Fewell as President of the Herts. Chess Association. Bryan has done a tremendous job in his 23 years in the post, and I would like to add my thanks to those which were expressed by others at the meeting.

Chess in Hertfordshire is generally in good shape. We have a thriving league, ably run by John Leake, and a range of county teams catering for all strengths of players, both junior and adult. However, we cannot rest on our laurels, and there is much to be done to maintain and develop chess, both within Hertfordshire and in our relations with the wider chess world.

A number of issues come to mind. It has become increasingly difficult to find volunteers to assist in the running of the association. Clearly, events will not happen by themselves, and we need a supply of willing people to help run the activities of the association. Chris Lean has expressed a wish to retire as treasurer within the next few years, and it is crucial that we have a capable successor. The association must have sound finances if our work is to succeed. Indeed, this is so important that I believe we should seek the appointment of an assistant treasurer to work alongside Chris for at least twelve months prior to his retirement. On a more positive note, John Marshall has kindly stepped forward to run the adult Chiltern team for the coming season, and Tom Allen is to succeed Bill D'Costa as Chiltern under 18 captain. This means that we will be back to our full complement of county teams. (*Unfortunately Tom Allen is now unable to do the Chiltern U18 captaincy - Ed.*)

The development of junior chess is vital - in essence, it is the future of Hertfordshire chess. Many individuals have contributed over the years, perhaps most notably Glynne Jones. As many of you know, Glynne has now been forced to retire from active chess organisation due to ill health. To ensure that the impetus generated by Glynne will not be lost, new structures have been put in place, and I am keen to see that we present a unified front, and that we can be easily found and approached by young chess players and their parents. I was particularly delighted at one piece of good news on the junior scene, when Lorin D'Costa from my own club Royston won the Under 13 and Under 14 titles at the British Chess Championships this summer. Of course, not every junior will aspire to this level of success, but it cannot fail to inspire others.

I was very disappointed at the cancellation of the Herts. Congress in October 1997 (particularly as I had entered!). There has been a wide ranging debate as to the reasons for the low number of entries, and it was decided not to hold a congress in 1998. However, your executive is determined to ensure that this does not mark the end of a long tradition, and plans are already afoot to revive the congress in 1999. Watch this space!

There are many more issues I could mention, but for reasons of space, I will finish with a brief mention of one forthcoming event. In 2001, the Hertfordshire Chess Association celebrates its centenary. A committee has been formed to discuss appropriate ways of celebrating this landmark event. I would envisage a number of events over the course of the year, perhaps with one eye on promoting chess to a wider audience, and with one or two social events thrown in. As ever, we are open to suggestions from the members, so please do not be backward in coming forward!

John Denton

**Harmer - Denton** Cambs. v Herts., 01.11.1997

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Be6! If ed4, 6. Bc4 is very dangerous. 6.c3 Not 6. Ne5? Qh4+ winning, or 6. de5? Qd1+ followed by rounding up the e5 pawn. Black would have the better pawn structure, and White's king is awkwardly placed. 6...Nd7 7.Bd3 Ngf6 8.Be3 Bd6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Qc2 Qc7 11.Nc4 Bxc4 12.Bxc4 Rae8 The other rook remains at f8 to protect f7, and to support the advance ...f5. White's centre looks shaky, particularly with the king still uncastled. 13.Bd3 exd4 14.Bxd4 Nxe4! 15.Bxe4 f5 16.0-0-0 fxe4 17.Nd2 Bf4 18.Kb1? 18. Rde1 is better. Now I missed ... e3 19. N moves c5, trapping the bishop. 18...c5? 19.Bg1 Nf6 20.g3 Bxd2 21.Qxd2 If 21. Rd2, e3 followed by Qc6 wins. 21...Rd8 22.Qe2 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1 Rd8 24.Qe2 Rd3! The most difficult move of the game. Black prepares to place the queen behind the rook, creating dangerous threats, whilst preventing the freeing Qc4+ and supporting the further advance of the e pawn. 25.Be3 Qd6 26.Bg5 Qd5 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Re1 Rd2! 29.Qg4+ Or 29. Qe4 Rd1+ 30.Kc2 Qd2+ White's rook is lost, and Black will escape the perpetual attempts of the White queen. 29...Kf7 30.Kc1 Rxh2 31.Rd1 Qg5+ 32.Qxg5 fxg5 33.Rd7+ Ke6 34.Rxb7 e3 35.Kd1 Or 35. Ra7 Rh1+36. Kc2 e2 wins. Although both sides have active rooks, black has a winning advantage based on an extra pawn, allowing the creation of a second passed pawn on the kingside, along with a better king position. 35...h5 36.a4 h4 37.gxh4 gxh4 38.b4 cxb4 39.cxb4 h3 40.Rh7 Rd2+ 41.Ke1 h2 42.b5 Ra2 The black h pawn will cost white his rook 0-1

# HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15 APRIL 1998

1997	GENERAL INCOME	1998	1997	GENERAL EXPENSES	1998
5	Adjudications	5.00	106	Committee/AGM Hall Hire	65.00
2	Commission from BCF	---	35	BCF Year Book	28.00
70	Club Affiliation Fees	100.35	239	Bulletin	226.57
47	Interest	74.42	41	Herts Grading List	38.00
396	President & Vice-Presidents Subs	492.50	160	Insurance	166.70
5	Rules Appeals	---	30	SCCU Fees	30.00
26	Score Sheets - Sales	13.20	108	Secretary	100.38
6	Ties - Sales	---	55	Tie Fund Appropriation	50.00
80	Unattached Member Subscriptions	70.00	26	Treasurer	28.00
49	Other	47.10	---	Other	20.00
686		802.57	800		752.65

### INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR ACTIVITIES WERE

1997		Income	Expenses	Game Fees	Surplus	Deficit
18	Congress	---	191.00		191.00	
-57	Correspondence Chess	---	64.00	---	64.00	
-148	County Matches - BCF, SCCU	---	158.00	---	158.00	
-21	County Matches - General	627.50	537.08	168.15	77.73	
-55	County Matches - Hall Hire	---	425.50	---	425.50	
+10	Individual Tournaments (Capel & Burn)	58.00	11.37	9.26	37.37	
-189	Junior - Congresses	916.31	878.06	---	38.25	
-6	Junior - Schools League	66.00	63.00	---	3.00	
+526	League	1392.06	19.17	784.87	588.02	
+32	Team Knock-Outs (Russell, Sharp, Under-125)	126.48	11.00	77.03	38.45	
110		3186.35	2358.18	1039.31	705.09	916.23

### GRANT FROM MIDLAND BANK

	Unspent at 16 April 97	Income	Expenses	Unspent at 15 April 98
North Herts League	331.68	57.00	117.00	271.68

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 15 APRIL 1998

1997	ASSOCIATION FUNDS	1998	1997	ASSETS and LIABILITIES	1998
754	Funds as at 16th April 1997	748.92		Assets	
=====	=====	=====	1658	Bank and Cash Balances	1295.37
686	Add General Income	802.57	107	Add sums owing to the Assoc	431.50
(800)	Less General Expenditure	(752.65)	1765	Total Assets	1726.87
(114)	Net General (Expenditure)/Surplus	49.92	=====	=====	=====
=====	=====	=====	250	Liabilities	
585	Add from Activities in surplus	705.09	100	Bulletin (Est)	250.00
(476)	Less from Activities in deficit	(916.23)	332	County Matches - BCF Final Stages	50.00
109	Net surplus/(deficit) on Activities	(211.14)	---	Congress	61.00
=====	=====	=====	215	Balance of Grants	271.68
(5)	(Deficit) for the year	(161.22)	119	Ties Replacement Fund	265.00
749	Funds as at 15th April 1998	587.70	1016	Other Sums Payable	241.49
			749	Total Liabilities	1139.17
				Net Assets	587.70

### ACCOUNTING POLICY AND EQUIPMENT

NOTE No value is put on Equipment, Score Sheets or Ties as at 15 April 1998

EQUIP ) Silver Cups: Burn, Capel, Hakansson, Lee-Johnson, 'new' Puller, 'old' Puller, Sharp.  
 -MENT) Silver Plate Cups: Berry, Davis, E J Leyns, 3 Schools League, League Division 5.  
 Montague-Jones Board, 5 engraved Chess Clocks, Mrs Pattison Board and Set  
 70 County Match Boards and Sets, 70 County Match Clocks, K L Woodland Board and Set  
 97 Ties (After 10 AGM awards) G W Davis Board and Set J E Gately Board and Set

(C LEAN)  
 Hon Treasurer, 6th June 1998

# HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

## AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

I have audited the financial statements on the previous page in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In common with many other organisations of a similar size and nature, the Association's system of control depends on the close involvement of the Treasurer and other officers. Where independent confirmation of the completeness of the accounting records was not therefore available I have accepted assurances from the Treasurer that all of the Association's transactions have been reflected in the records. The operation of a system of budgetary control has supported my reliance on this assurance. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies stated.

Subject to the foregoing, in my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Association's affairs as at 15 April 1998 and of the deficit for the year then ended.

(T TOMKINS, FCCA)  
Hon. Auditor, 6th June 1998

### Treasurer's commentary on the financial results for the year ended 15 April 1998

This year has been extremely unfortunate for two reasons, each of which has had a serious effect on the Association's finances:-

- a) Congress entries were so few that one week before the due date it was decided to cancel it. This meant a loss of £191, which was considered to be a lot less than if it had taken place. The expenses were entry form printing and mailing but, fortunately, no Hall Hire cancellation fee.
- b) At the start of the season I was informed that the General Accident free venue for County Matches was no longer available. This meant a Hall Hire charge of £25 for all County home fixtures. Although the September executive meeting voted to increase the Board Fee for each player at home fixtures from £2 to £2.50, this only paid for part of the deficit. It will be necessary to increase this Board Fee further for next season.

#### 1 GENERAL INCOME

This was £114 over Budget, the extra coming from Vice-Presidents' Subscriptions (+£72), Interest(+£29) and Donations (+£34), offset by several small reductions (-£21).

#### 2 GENERAL EXPENSES

These were £132 below Budget, mainly due to Secretary (-£25), Bulletin (-£23), and Hall Hire for meetings (-£75, credits being taken for an underspend on last year's AGM and a reduced budget for this year's)

#### 3 ACTIVITIES

Game Fees were almost the same as last year, after allowing for the Congress cancellation.

Most events were close to Budget, but three differed by large amounts. Junior Congresses were successful making a small £38 surplus instead of a £75 deficit. (A great improvement on last year's £188 deficit!) County Match Hall Hire was £250 over Budget, because of the withdrawal of the free venue. County Match General Expenses were £143 over Budget: last year's BCF County Final Stages were £72 over and Board Fees less Match Captains' Expenses were £71 over.

#### 4 BALANCE SHEET: ASSETS and LIABILITIES as at 15 April 1998

The balances are :- Cash £21.89, Bank of Scotland £121.14, Bank of Scotland Deposit £1150.00, and Midland Bank £2.34.

#### 5 TIES REPLACEMENT FUND

The Association has a tradition of awarding ties under defined rules and purchases of such ties occur about every twenty years, the last purchase being in 1994. A fund is maintained to provide for their eventual replacement, based on current purchasing cost. Under this formula a sum of £265 would be needed to replenish the stock of ties to 150. This sum is therefore provided in the accounts, although there is no contractual liability to replenish the stock.

## LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hertford are the League Champions. Other teams highlighted by bold font have earned promotion; those in italic are relegated to the division below.

Four games were unresolved at the end of the season: two were dealt with by the Adjudications Secretary where one side did not submit a claim. The third was a disputed play-on, resolved by the Rules Committee. The fourth simply died. None of these four games affected the positions of teams, and thus were ignored for league purposes. Ineligible players were fielded on four occasions.

DIVISION 1	match points	game points
<b>Hertford 1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>40.5</b>
Barnet 1	20	39.5
St Albans 1	16	33.5
H Hempstead 1	9	22
Hoddesdon 1	8	25.5
Watford 1	6	26
<i>Royston 1</i>	5	23

DIVISION 5	match points	game points
<b>Royston 2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>39.5</b>
<i>Stevenage 2</i>	17	34
Watford 4	16	35
Hoddesdon 3	11	30
Barnet 3	10	27.5
<i>St Albans 6</i>	5	25.5
<i>Hertford 4</i>	5	19.5

DIVISION 2	match points	game points
<b>Bumbles Green</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>39.5</b>
Hertford 2	16	37
St Albans 2	16	31
Letchworth 1	11	31
Watford 2	11	27
St Albans 3	7	22.5
<i>Pin Green 1</i>	5	20

DIVISION 6	match points	game points
<b>Mid Herts 3</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Hoddesdon 4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>43</b>
Pin Green 2	20	42
Rothamstead	15	36.5
Letchworth 3	11	33.5
Barnet 4	8	27
<i>Letchworth 4</i>	7	30.5
<i>Stevenage 3</i>	7	26.5

DIVISION 3	match points	game points
<b>Mid Herts 1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>40</b>
Stevenage 1	16	36
Hoddesdon 2	16	32
H Hempstead 2	12	25
Old Eliz's	9	26
Mid Herts 2	8	25.5
<i>Letchworth 2</i>	3	21.5

DIVISION 7	match points	game points
<b>Watford 5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>48.5</b>
<b>H Hempstead 3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>46</b>
Mid Herts 4	19	44
Watford 6	12	34.5
St Albans 7	10	29.5
Royston 3	9	27
H Hempstead 4	9	26.5
Letchworth 5	8	23

DIVISION 4	match points	game points
<b>Watford 3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>41</b>
St Albans 4	16	37
Barnet 2	15	32.5
Hertford 3	15	31.5
St Albans 5	8	25.5
B Stortford	6	19.5
<i>Borehamwood</i>	4	23

**RUSSELL TROPHY:** won by **Bumbles Green**

(Teams withdrawing from the competition are indicated by *italic* font)

<i>Borehamwood</i>	Hemel Hempstead Royston	Hemel Hempstead	Hemel Hempstead	Hertford	
<i>Bishops Stortford</i>					
<i>Royston</i>					
<i>Pin Green</i>	Hertford	Hertford	Hertford		
<i>Hertford</i>					
<i>Allenburys</i>	Barnet	Barnet	Barnet		
<i>Barnet</i>					
<i>Mid Herts</i>	St Albans	Bumbles Green	Bumbles Green		
<i>St Albans</i>					
<i>Stevenage</i>	Hoddesdon	Hoddesdon	Hoddesdon		
<b>Bumbles Green</b>					
<i>Letchworth</i>	Watford	Watford	Watford		
<i>Hoddesdon</i>					
<i>Old Elizabethans</i>					
<i>Watford</i>					

**SHARP TROPHY:** won by **Hoddesdon**

(Teams withdrawing from the competition are indicated by *italic* font)

<i>Rothamsted</i>	Borehamwood	Hertford	Hertford	Hertford	
<i>Borehamwood</i>					
<i>Hertford</i>	Hertford	Stevenage	Stevenage		
<i>Pin Green</i>					
<i>Watford</i>	Barnet	Barnet	Barnet		
<i>Stevenage</i>					
<i>Barnet</i>	Letchworth	Hoddesdon	Hoddesdon		
<i>Bishops Stortford</i>					
<i>Bumbles Green</i>	Hoddesdon	Allenburys	Allenburys		
<i>Letchworth</i>					
<b>Hoddesdon</b>	Allenburys	Royston	Royston		
<i>Old Elizabethans</i>					
<i>Hemel Hempstead</i>					
<i>Allenburys</i>					
<i>Royston</i>					
<i>Mid Herts</i>					

## U125 KNOCKOUT: won by Rothamsted

(Teams withdrawing from the competition are indicated by *italic* font)

<i>Bishops Stortford</i>			
<i>Bumbles Green</i>			
<i>Hemel Hempstead</i>	Hemel Hempstead	Hemel Hempstead	
<i>Royston</i>			
<i>Barnet</i>			
<b>Rothamsted</b>	<b>Rothamsted</b>	<b>Rothamsted</b>	<b>Rothamsted</b>
<i>Pin Green</i>			
<i>Borehamwood</i>	Pin Green		
<i>Hertford</i>			
<i>Allenburys</i>	Hertford		
<i>Letchworth</i>			
<i>Stevenage</i>	Letchworth	Hertford	
<i>Mid Herts</i>			
<i>Hoddesdon</i>	Hoddesdon	Hoddesdon	
<i>St Albans</i>			
<i>Watford</i>	St Albans		

Unfortunately I don't have any of Lorin's games from the British Championships to show you, but this game is quite entertaining.

### L Debbage (159) - L D'Costa (145)

U15 Gigafinal (round 6) 12.7.98

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cb a6 5.Nc3 ab 6.e4 (the dangerous line against the Benko. Black doesn't have much queenside counterplay, but is not material down) ...b4 7.Nb5 d6 (7...Nxe4?? 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Nd6 mate is embarrassing) 8.Bc4 Nbd7 (again 8...Nxe4? 9.Qe2 Nf6 10.Bf4 is good for White) 9.Nf3 Ba6 10.Qe2 Qb8 11.a4 (presumably to defend e4 - the queen was overloaded - but when you play this line with White you shouldn't be concerned about mere pawns! - JFM) ...g6 12.b3 Bg7 13.Bb2 0-0 14.e5 (White is getting his centre rolling, but his king is still in the centre) ...Ng4 15.e6 Bxb2 16.Qxb2 Nde5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Qe2 (bolstering c4, but 18.ef+ Rxf7 19.0-0 was an option) ...fe 19.de d5! (my opponent clearly missed this. 20.Bxd5 Bxb5) 20.0-0 (20.Bd3 Nxd3 & Bxb5 - JFM) ...dc 21.bc Rf5 (threatening ...Nf3+) 22.Rfe1 Nc6 23.Rad1 Bxb5 24.ab Nd4 25.Qe4 Ra2 26.f3? Nx f3+ (whoops!) 27.Kf1 Nd2+ (White had had enough).

## SCCU COUNTY 1ST TEAM MATCHES

Herts		11.10.97		Berks		Kent		17.1.98		Herts	
1	PG Maguire	198	0.5 - 0.5	PS Cooksey (W)	198	1	N McDonald	237	1 - 0	PG Maguire (W)	198
2	SJB Knott	226	0.5 - 0.5	HW Murphy	193	2	P Morris	223	1 - 0	S Swanson	201
3	PV Byway	196	0 - 1	AM Leech	187	3	J Vigus	210	0.5 - 0.5	P Borman	201
4	JF Rudge	186	1 - 0	DS Tucker	187	4	A Mack	202	0.5 - 0.5	PV Byway	196
5	AM Simpson	187	1 - 0	PJ Tucker	183	5	L Gurr	201	0.5 - 0.5	JF Rudge	186
6	SJ Roe	185	1 - 0	KD Smallbone	183	6	J Sugden	196	1 - 0	KR Clark	188
7	KR Clark	188	1 - 0	IR Henderson	170	7	J Naylor	201	1 - 0	A Gilfillan	187
8	A Gilfillan	187	0.5 - 0.5	MC Bowhay	166	8	D Farndon	194	0 - 1	HL Tebbs	182
9	HL Tebbs	182	0.5 - 0.5	PJ Coley	152	9	J Wager	193	1 - 0	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179
10	PD Hatchett	181	1 - 0	DJ Lewis	149	10	P Taylor	191	0.5 - 0.5	CE Majer	180
11	JR Denton	177	1 - 0	BG Millis	148	11	G Botley	191	0.5 - 0.5	JR Denton	177
12	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179	1 - 0	NW Dennis	141	12	A Harakis	188	1 - 0	PJ Gregory	169
13	DR Brennan	175	0.5 - 0.5	M Colgate	138	13	CH Howell	186	0.5 - 0.5	B Morris	161
14	SJ Tovey	168	1 - 0	Ivana Houska	123	14	R O'Kelly	183	1 - 0	DE Bower	159
15	PJ Gregory	169	0 - 1	Mario Houska	129	15	N Donovan	180	1 - 0	J Cook	158
16	TJ Turner	163	1 - 0	default		16	C Rice	171	1 - 0	DM Hill	150

Herts Won

11.5 -4.5

Kent Won

12 - 4

Cambs		1.11.97		Herts		Herts		31.1.98		Surrey	
1	M Ferguson (W)	226	0.5 - 0.5	PG Maguire	198	1	PG Maguire	198	0 - 1	RA Bates (W)	220
2	B Kelly	222	0.5 - 0.5	SJB Knott	226	2	SJB Knott	226	1 - 0	PJ Sowray	213
3	H Hunt	217	1 - 0	NH Bradbury	204	3	S Swanson	201	0 - 1	SH Berry	209
4	A Cohen	213	1 - 0	S Swanson	201	4	PF Borman	201	0 - 1	RG Granat	197
5	D Moskovic	204	1 - 0	PV Byway	196	5	PV Byway	196	0.5 - 0.5	RA Allicock	196
6	J Rudd	197	0.5 - 0.5	JF Rudge	186	6	JF Rudge	186	1 - 0	JC Benjamin	194
7	M Shephard	191	1 - 0	KR Clark	188	7	AM Simpson	187	1 - 0	KD Richardson	192
8	M Thornton	187	1 - 0	A Gilfillan	187	8	SJ Roe	185	0 - 1	M Anderton (r!)	204
9	S Foister	c180	1 - 0	HL Tebbs	182	9	A Gilfillan	187	0 - 1	DB Rosen	190
10	B Morgan	171	1 - 0	PD Hatchett	181	10	KR Clark	188	0.5 - 0.5	PD Kemp	187
11	S White	169	1 - 0	CE Majer	180	11	CE Majer	180	1 - 0	JM Shepley	174
12	E Goodall	167	0 - 1	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179	12	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179	1 - 0	DR Sedgwick	173
13	N Harmer	159	0 - 1	JR Denton	177	13	JR Denton	177	1 - 0	P Dupré (r)	158
14	B Weller	c150	0 - 1	PJ Gregory	169	14	DR Brennan	175	0 - 1	PM Stimpson	170
15	M Campbell	153	0 - 1	B Morris	161	15	PJ Gregory	169	1 - 0	CRA Clegg	168
16	C Howell	152	1 - 0	DE Bower	159	16	B Morris	161	1 - 0	KFH Inward	160

Cambs Won

10.5 -5.5

Herts Won

9 - 7

Herts		15.11.97		Oxon		Sussex		14.2.98		Herts	
1	PG Maguire (W)	198	0.5 - 0.5	AC Hunt	208	1	FJ Kwiatsowski	204	1 - 0	P Borman	201
2	SJB Knott	226	1 - 0	ML Devereux	208	2	DB Graham	204	0 - 1	PV Byway	196
3	S Swanson	201	1 - 0	J Wittman	186	3	LE Rutherford	198	1 - 0	JF Rudge	186
4	PV Byway	196	0.5 - 0.5	TR Dickinson	185	4	GH James	197	1 - 0	KR Clark	188
5	KR Clark	188	0.5 - 0.5	DG Hackett	186	5	BJ Denman	?	0.5 - 0.5	A Gilfillan	187
6	A Gilfillan	187	0 - 1	G Chapman	172	6	M Broom	193	0.5 - 0.5	HL Tebbs	182
7	HL Tebbs	182	0.5 - 0.5	RJ Starkie	171	7	SJ Newman	187	0.5 - 0.5	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179
8	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179	1 - 0	LR Millin	167	8	JA Dodgson	179	0.5 - 0.5	CE Majer	180
9	JR Denton	177	0.5 - 0.5	JN Stayt	166	9	PG Farr	179	1 - 0	JR Denton	177
10	CE Majer	180	1 - 0	S Terry	160	10	JM Mansson	178	0.5 - 0.5	DR Brennan	175
11	DR Brennan	175	0.5 - 0.5	DJ Bruce	166	11	MR Stott	177	0 - 1	PJ Gregory	169
12	PJ Gregory	169	1 - 0	NC Jones	166	12	MO Costley	176	0.5 - 0.5	TJ Turner	163
13	GA Hollis	168	0.5 - 0.5	P Ball	150	13	RJ Almond	175	1 - 0	B Morris	161
14	B Morris	161	1 - 0	TG Heslop	122	14	RV Elliston	174	0.5 - 0.5	DE Bower	159
15	DE Bower	159	1 - 0	J Kennedy	87	15	IG Kelly	167	1 - 0	J Cook	158
16	DM Hill	150	1 - 0	default		16	R O'Brien	171	1 - 0	default	

Herts Won

11.5 -4.5

Sussex Won

10.5 -5.5

Herts		28.2.98		Essex		Bucks		15.3.98		Herts	
1	PG Maguire	198	0.5 - 0.5	AP Lewis	212	1	R Webb	211	0 - 1	SJB Knott	226
2	SJB Knott	226	1 - 0	DJ Coleman	204	2	AP Smith	202	0 - 1	S Swanson	201
3	S Swanson	201	0 - 1	DA Sands	204	3	J Beedle	201	0.5 - 0.5	JF Rudge	186
4	P Borman	201	1 - 0	GJ Moore	207	4	RJ Richmond	185	0.5 - 0.5	KR Clark	188
5	JF Rudge	186	0 - 1	M Twyble	200	5	RB Edwards	185	1 - 0	default	
6	SJ Roe	185	1 - 0	JP Manley	205	6	H-P Hansen	180	0.5 - 0.5	HL Tebbs	182
7	A Gilfillan	187	0 - 1	G Kenworthy	200	7	R de Coverley	173	0.5 - 0.5	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179
8	KR Clark	188	1 - 0	JH Hodgson	196	8	M Mashayekh	173	0.5 - 0.5	CE Majer	180
9	HL Tebbs	182	0.5 - 0.5	PL Williamson	184	9	AMJ Robbins	172	0 - 1	JR Denton	177
10	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179	1 - 0	JA Goldberg	178	10	M Armstrong	166	1 - 0	DR Brennan	175
11	CE Majer	180	0.5 - 0.5	R Parker	177	11	M George	160	0 - 1	P Gregory	169
12	JR Denton	177	1 - 0	JC Moore	182	12	D Mansfield	160	1 - 0	B Morris	161
13	DR Brennan	175	0 - 1	RP White	187	13	WEC Hughes	156	1 - 0	DE Bower	159
14	SJ Tovey	168	1 - 0	D Kraszewski	183	14	A Lawrence	146	0.5 - 0.5	J Cook	158
15	B Morris	161	1 - 0	W Saunders	171	15	B Atkinson	150	0.5 - 0.5	S Weston	150
16	DE Bower	159	1 - 0	I Myall	168	16	AJ Hughes	127	0 - 1	C Lovisa	147
Herts Won		10.5 - 5.5		Bucks Lost		7.5 - 8.5					

## BCF MINOR COUNTIES

Quarter-Final

Herts		16.5.98		Beds		Suffolk		4.7.98		Herts	
1	SJB Knott	226	0 - 1	D Ledger	203	1	N Pert	222	0.5 - 0.5	SJB Knott	226
2	S Swanson	201	0.5 - 0.5	S Ledger	196	2	R Pert	221	1 - 0	S Swanson	201
3	P Borman	201	0.5 - 0.5	M MacdonaldRoss	194	3	K Bowden	223	1 - 0	P Borman	201
4	PV Byway	196	0 - 1	L Berlandier	2225	4	M Cook	191	0.5 - 0.5	PG Maguire	198
5	JF Rudge	186	0.5 - 0.5	G Smith	188	5	I Wallis	188	0 - 1	PV Byway	196
6	KR Clark	188	0.5 - 0.5	R Freeman	176	6	S Munson	183	1 - 0	A Gilfillan	187
7	HL Tebbs	182	0.5 - 0.5	P Kendall	173	7	E Player	181	1 - 0	KR Clark	188
8	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179	1 - 0	K Bush	172j	8	S Gregory	180	1 - 0	HL Tebbs	182
9	CE Majer	180	0 - 1	B Valentine	168	9	P Botham	176	0.5 - 0.5	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179
10	JR Denton	177	1 - 0	R Ormesher	166	10	D Spence	175	1 - 0	JR Denton	177
11	P Gregory	169	0.5 - 0.5	A Elwin	163	11	A Charity	165	1 - 0	CE Majer	180
12	DR Brennan	175	0.5 - 0.5	P Taylor	159	12	J Feavyour	164	0 - 1	SJ Tovey	168
13	L D'Costa	141j	1 - 0	K Williamson	157	13	S Ruthen	164	0 - 1	PJ Gregory	169
14	CD Lovisa	147j	1 - 0	P Thomas	151	14	M Taylor	163	0.5 - 0.5	DR Brennan	175
15	DE Bower	159	1 - 0	J Shaw	149	15	T Lunn	161	0.5 - 0.5	B Morris	161
16	SJ Weston	150	1 - 0	C Bullock	143	16	T Rubin	154	1 - 0	DE Bower	159
Herts Won		9.5 - 6.5		Suffolk Won		10.5 - 5.5					

Semi-Final

Worcs		13.6.98		Herts	
1	GM Boyce	189	0 - 1	SJB Knott	226
2	M Burrows	189	0.5 - 0.5	S Swanson	201
3	P Kitson	178	1 - 0	PG Maguire	198
4	R Thomas	176	0.5 - 0.5	PV Byway	196
5	J Edge	175	0.5 - 0.5	A Gilfillan	187
6	M Bissell	167	0.5 - 0.5	KR Clark	188
7	D Joshi	163	0 - 1	HL Tebbs	182
8	I Howarth	161	1 - 0	JN Fraser-Mitchell	179
9	A Taylor	157	1 - 0	CE Majer	180
10	G Herbert	157	0 - 1	JR Denton	177
11	M Bethel	153	0.5 - 0.5	SJ Tovey	168
12	J Foxall	153	0 - 1	PJ Gregory	169
13	E Horwill	147	0.5 - 0.5	DR Brennan	175
14	J Gittus	145	0 - 1	B Morris	161
15	J Peters	143	0 - 1	DE Bower	159
16	J Wilson	141	0 - 1	S Weston	150
Worcs Lost		6 - 10			

The **Flear Trophy** was won by John Denton (8/11).

Other players scoring well were:

Philip Gregory (7.5/10)  
 Jeremy Fraesr-Mitchell (7.5/11)  
 Simon Knott (6.5/9)  
 Barry Morris (6/9)

## SCCU COUNTY U150 TEAM MATCHES

Surrey		1.11.97	Herts
1	K Selby	116	1 - 0
2	C Thrower	146	0.5 - 0.5
3	C Fellowes	146	0.5 - 0.5
4	I McLeod	145	0.5 - 0.5
5	R Bell	143	0 - 1
6	J Marshall	141	1 - 0
7	J Hawson	140	0 - 1
8	K Wilkinson	139	0.5 - 0.5
9	D Baldock	135	0 - 1
10	default		0 - 0
11	F Manning	133	1 - 0
12	JW Halls	132	0.5 - 0.5
13	K Mehendale	132	1 - 0
14	J Hart	131	0 - 1
15	J Hale	127	0.5 - 0.5
16	J Gilbert	91	0.5 - 0.5
Surrey Drew		7.5 - 7.5	

Herts		31.1.98	Middx
1	O Lenton	149	0 - 1
2	B Judkins	148	1 - 0
3	C Lovisa	147	1 - 0
4	R Lever	147	0 - 1
5	L D'Costa	141	0 - 1
6	R Hughes	144	0 - 1
7	J Coles	143	1 - 0
8	K Hardy	140	0.5 - 0.5
9	J Marshall	141	0.5 - 0.5
10	I Mutton	137	0 - 1
11	A Hall	136	0.5 - 0.5
12	M Wali	136	0 - 1
13	C Kidd	136	0 - 1
14	S Charles	132	1 - 0
15	D Young	133	1 - 0
16	T Wright	128	1 - 0
Herts Lost		7.5 - 8.5	

Herts		15.11.97	Kent
1	N Rughwani	149	1 - 0
2	C Lovisa	147	0 - 1
3	R Lever	147	0 - 1
4	M Wali (r)	136	0 - 1
5	L D'Costa	141	1 - 0
6	R Hughes	144	1 - 0
7	J Coles	143	0.5 - 0.5
8	P Lawrence	143	0.5 - 0.5
9	J Marshall	141	0 - 1
10	K Hardy	140	1 - 0
11	I Mutton	137	0.5 - 0.5
12	A Hall	136	0.5 - 0.5
13	S Charles	132	0.5 - 0.5
14	D Young	133	0.5 - 0.5
15	D Price	134	0 - 1
16	T Wright	128	0.5 - 0.5
Herts Lost		7.5 - 8.5	

Sussex		14.2.98	Herts
1	L Rackham	142	0.5 - 0.5
2	DL Roberts	148	0.5 - 0.5
3	WH Partridge	148	0.5 - 0.5
4	IK Edgson	144	0.5 - 0.5
5	PN Kington	143	0 - 1
6	K Davies	143	1 - 0
7	LJ Cannon	131	1 - 0
8	TE Rendle	132	0.5 - 0.5
9	TJ Woods	139	0.5 - 0.5
10	EJ Hillier	138	0.5 - 0.5
11	RD Hirsch	139	0 - 1
12	CC Dunn	132	0 - 1
13	PH Benson	129	0.5 - 0.5
14	RC Grundy	127	0 - 1
15	RA Clement	128	0.5 - 0.5
16	JL Bryant	89	1 - 0
Sussex Lost		7.5 - 8.5	

Herts		17.1.98	Essex
1	NR Rughwani	149	0.5 - 0.5
2	BD Judkins	148	0.5 - 0.5
3	R Lever	147	0 - 1
4	C Lovisa	147	1 - 0
5	L D'Costa	141	1 - 0
6	R Hughes	144	1 - 0
7	ST Cook	144	1 - 0
8	J Coles	143	0.5 - 0.5
9	R Clayton	146	0 - 1
10	P Lawrence	143	0.5 - 0.5
11	K Hardy	140	0 - 1
12	JS Marshall	141	1 - 0
13	S Charles	132	0.5 - 0.5
14	DP Young	133	0 - 1
15	TC Wright	128	0 - 1
16	D Price	134	0 - 1
Herts Lost		7.5 - 8.5	

## SCCU COUNTY U125 TEAM MATCHES

Oxon		29.11.97		Herts	
1	H Tutty	123	1 - 0	J Leake (W)	123
2	I Brooke	122	0 - 1	L Noble	121
3	A Heslop	122	1 - 0	M Flatt	122
4	T Frost	121	1 - 0	M Barnes	121
5	A Collins	121	0 - 1	T Lawson	112
6	M Duck	116	1 - 0	J Lanaway	118
7	A Wyeth	116	0 - 1	T Sims	112
8	M Brindley	116	0.5 - 0.5	P Laskier	117
9	G Brown	115	1 - 0	A Humphreys	113
10	F Fallon	112	0 - 1	T Berg	110
11	R Langham	111	0 - 1	J Moore	110
12	S Grigson	102	0.5 - 0.5	D Marchand	109
13	D Buckland	96	0 - 1	G Lunn	106
14	P Williams	88	0 - 1	R Morris	106
15	J Kennedy	87	1 - 0	J Gorman	106
16	M Creasey	81	1 - 0	Q Latif	104

Oxon Drew 8 - 8

Sussex		28.2.98		Herts	
1	HW Osborne	122	1 - 0	L Noble (W)	121
2	RK Hunt	118	0 - 1	S Collins	123
3	A Bradbury	124	0 - 1	CJ Byrne	117
4	PJ Helliwell	120	0.5 - 0.5	JA Leake	123
5	C Power	120	0 - 1	T Lawson	112
6	M Plumb	115	1 - 0	TJ Sims	112
7	MA Bryant	117	1 - 0	K Griggs	e120
8	JA Povey	114	0 - 1	P Laskier	117
9	D Simpkins	107	0 - 1	M Barnes	121
10	M Curtis	116	0 - 1	T Berg	110
11	I Phillipson	115	0.5 - 0.5	ARC Humphreys	113
12	J Bryant	89	1 - 0	J Moore	110
13	M Moore	106	0 - 1	Q Latif	104
14	G Cox	105	1 - 0	G Lunn	106
15	T Peffer	99	0 - 1	RE Morris	106
16	N Pestelle	98	0.5 - 0.5	G Halsall	108

Sussex Lost 6.5 - 9.5

Herts		17.1.98		Essex	
1	D Green (W)	120	0.5 - 0.5	M Bradford	123
2	L Noble	121	0.5 - 0.5	C Barrett	
3	J Leake	123	0 - 1	R Iannetta	123
4	M Sutton	119	1 - 0	M Ashkettle	124
5	T Lawson	112	0 - 1	T Cole	123
6	M Flatt	122	0 - 1	L Trent	120j
7	C Byrne	117	1 - 0	R Payne	118j
8	M Barnes	121	0 - 1	E Walker	117j
9	P Laskier	117	0.5 - 0.5	W Petchey	116
10	J Lanaway	118	1 - 0	R Giddens	116j
11	T Berg	110	0.5 - 0.5	C Turner	113j
12	J Moore	110	0.5 - 0.5	D Allen	110j
13	D Marchand	109	1 - 0	I Rook	112
14	G Lunn	106	0.5 - 0.5	P Flint	107
15	R Morris	106	0.5 - 0.5	G Benger	106
16	Q Latif	104	0 - 1	P Pattinson	97

Herts Lost 7.5 - 8.5

Kent		21.3.98		Herts	
1	MR Jones	121	0 - 1	L Noble (W)	121
2	RC Fenn	123	1 - 0	S Collins	123
3	G Battye	115	0 - 1	C Byrne	117
4	N Lister	114	0 - 1	L Roche	122
5	D Picton	113	0.5 - 0.5	T Lawson	112
6	W Stock	115	0 - 1	T Sims	112
7	PD Poland	109	0 - 1	K Griggs	e120
8	IB Bryan	108	0 - 1	P Laskier	118
9	K Sanders	104	0 - 1	M Barnes	121
10	ID Stoneman	104	1 - 0	T Berg	110
11	IC Smith	104	0.5 - 0.5	J Lanaway	118
12	JR Thompson	101	0 - 1	J Moore	110
13	J Robertson	97	0 - 1	D Marchand	109
14	AP Fabian	97	0.5 - 0.5	G Lunn	106
15	KE Hendrikse	97	0 - 1	R Morris	106
16	T Hogg	94	0.5 - 0.5	G Halsall	108

Kent Lost 4 - 12

Herts		7.2.98		Surrey	
1	default	0 - 1	D Hodgson (W)	124	
2	default	0 - 1	J McGing	123	
3	C Byrne	117	1 - 0	D Weston-Lewis	121
4	J Leake	123	0 - 1	C Goode	123
5	T Lawson	112	0 - 1	A Hunt	122
6	T Sims	112	1 - 0	M Daood	111
7	P Laskier	117	1 - 0	T Chase	114
8	J Lanaway	118	0.5 - 0.5	D Ramsey	118
9	M Barnes	121	1 - 0	H Wylie	114
10	J Moore	110	0 - 1	K Lovell	114
11	G Halsall	108	0 - 1	D Howes	104
12	G Lunn	106	1 - 0	J Pol	108
13	R Morris	106	0 - 1	G Morse	106
14	N Belinfante	109	0.5 - 0.5	K Hosea	
15	R Claret	103	1 - 0	R Morgan	90
16	Q Latif	104	1 - 0	B Williamson	85

Herts Drew 8 - 8

Lancs		17.5.98		Herts	
1	A Dunkerley	124	0.5 - 0.5	L Noble (W)	121
2	G Jones	123	0.5 - 0.5	S Collins	123
3	S Flaherty	119	0.5 - 0.5	C Byrne	117
4	P Worsley	112	1 - 0	L Roche	122
5	A Smith	112	1 - 0	T Lawson	112
6	D Jones	118	1 - 0	T Sims	112
7	M Hamer	109	0 - 1	P Laskier	117
8	K McMahon	115	0.5 - 0.5	M Barnes	121
9	B O'Rourke	114	1 - 0	K Griggs	e120
10	S Shokrollahi	114	1 - 0	J Lanaway	118
11	B Howells	119	1 - 0	T Berg	110
12	E Anderson	105	0 - 1	D Marchand	109
13	G Hughes	113	0 - 1	J Moore	110
14	C Tillotson	92	0.5 - 0.5	D Chapman	108
15	S White	114	1 - 0	G Lunn	106
16	A Rigby	105	1 - 0	Q Latif	104

Lancs Won 10.5 - 5.5

## SCCU COUNTY U100 TEAM MATCHES

Middx

1.11.97

Herts

1	T Rowland (W)	99	0 - 1	M Brookes	98
2	WGV McLaughlin	97	0 - 1	R Player	99
3	G Vasco	94	1 - 0	K Sears	96
4	G Procyk	94	0.5 - 0.5	P Tuck	95
5	S Banks	93	0 - 1	N Chandler	95
6	BS Miles	93	0 - 1	J Palmer	95
7	L McDonagh	93	0 - 1	W Hamm	90
8	P Humphry	92	0 - 1	F Batchelor	88
9	P Roche	89	1 - 0	J Mackensie	89
10	A De Nardi-Jones	85	0.5 - 0.5	M Kenton	71
11	C Ayett	76	0.5 - 0.5	A Brewis	71
12	G Snow	76	1 - 0	J Dalton	47

Middx Lost

4.5 - 7.5

Herts

17.1.98

Essex

1	M Brookes (W)	98	0.5 - 0.5	J Sneesby	98
2	S Tinsley	98	0 - 1	K Bates	97
3	R Huhn	98	1 - 0	G Walker	96
4	N Chandler	95	0.5 - 0.5	J Lutton	96
5	K Devoti	95	1 - 0	H Walker	77
6	P Tuck	95	0 - 1	M Bridger	95
7	R Gates	90	1 - 0	R Prickett	95
8	F Batchelor	88	0.5 - 0.5	M Cain	90
9	J Richardson		0 - 1	J Marsh	77
10	S Morris		0 - 1	J Livesley	61
11	A Brewis	71	1 - 0	N Fenton	58
12	S Burt		0 - 1	R Parrish	68

Herts Lost

5.5 - 6.5

Essex

15.11.97

Herts

1	J Sneesby	98	1 - 0	M Brooks (W)	98
2	K Bates	97	0.5 - 0.5	R Huhn	98
3	J Lutton	96	0 - 1	K Devoti	95
4	M Bridger	95	1 - 0	K Sears	96
5	R Prickett	95	1 - 0	P Tuck	95
6	S Trent	93	1 - 0	D Wasik	92
7	M Cain	90	1 - 0	F Batchelor	88
8	J Marsh	77	0 - 1	R Gates	90
9	H Walker	77	0 - 1	S Morris	
10	R Parrish	68	1 - 0	M Senn	
11	J Livesey	61	1 - 0	A Brewis	71
12	N Fenton	58	1 - 0	J Dalton	

Essex Won

8.5 - 3.5

Herts

31.1.98

Middx

1	M Brooks (W)	98	1 - 0	T Rowland	99
2	R Huhn	98	0.5 - 0.5	WGV McLaughlin	97
3	S Tinsley	98	0 - 1	K Grice	97
4	K Devoti	95	1 - 0	D Birt	96
5	K Sears	96	1 - 0	S Banks	93
6	N Chandler	95	1 - 0	B Miles	93
7	P Tuck	95	1 - 0	L McDonagh	93
8	R Gates	90	0.5 - 0.5	PS Humphry	92
9	F Batchelor	88	1 - 0	A Cook	86
10	A Dowling		0.5 - 0.5	T Bradley	83
11	D Wong		0.5 - 0.5	CW Aylett	76
12	M Senn		1 - 0	G Snow	76

Herts Won

9 - 3

Herts

22.11.97

Surrey

1	M Brooks (W)	98	0 - 1	O Wilson	99
2	S Tinsley	98	0 - 1	J Darling	98
3	R Huhn	98	1 - 0	Laila Tillett	98
4	A Winston	97	0 - 1	B Jablonski	91
5	J Wholley	97	0.5 - 0.5	H Murray-Smith	96
6	N Chandler		0 - 1	R Davey	96
7	P Tuck	95	1 - 0	F Bleasdale	92
8	D Wasik	92	0 - 1	B Morgan	90
9	F Batchelor	88	1 - 0	G Curtis	79
10	J Mackenzie	89	1 - 0	C Manders	78
11	M Senn		1 - 0	A Foster-Yeow	88
12	S Burt		0.5 - 0.5	D Manders	73

Herts Lost

5.5 - 6.5

Surrey

21.2.98

Herts

1	O Wilson (W)	99	0 - 1	R Player	99
2	J Darling	98	1 - 0	K Sears	96
3	L Tillett	98	0 - 1	N Chandler	95
4	N Bawden	93	1 - 0	P Tuck	95
5	H Murray-Smith	96	1 - 0	D Wasik	92
6	L Boztas	93	1 - 0	R Gates	90
7	R Davey	96	1 - 0	F Batchelor	88
8	D Briscoe		1 - 0	J Mackenzie	89
9	F Bleasdale	92	0 - 1	A Dowling	
10	D Wallis	91	1 - 0	M Senn	
11	B Sweetman	89	1 - 0	A Brewis	
12	G Curtis	79	0 - 1	S Burt	

Surrey Won

8 - 4

## CHILTERN LEAGUE U18 TEAM MATCHES

Chiltern Cup: Oxfordshire 6/7, Berks A 4/7, Bucks A 3/7

Chiltern Junior Cup: Bucks J 3/7, Herts J 3/7, Berks J 1/7

Results against Herts A have been ignored since less than half their matches were completed before the team folded. Bucks J scored 67 game points to Herts J's 59. However the match between Berks J and Herts J was declared void when Berks J failed to provide venue details at sufficient notice. Had this match gone ahead, Herts J would have been favourites to win it, and thus the Chiltern Junior Cup

Bucks Juniors 27.9.97 Herts Juniors

1	M George	160	0 - 1	C Harris	163
2	S Clark	147	0 - 1	C Lovisa	147
3	R Thursby	141	0 - 1	L D'Costa	141
4	T Quilter	130	1 - 0	C Turner	113
5	A Hughes	127	0 - 1	T Lowson	112
6	Koichi Nicholas	125	0 - 1	D Allen	110
7	H Lossock	102	0 - 1	R Morris	100
8	L Goodwin	106	1 - 0	K Devoti	95
9	D Greenhill	124	1 - 0	J Palmer	95
10	Kenji Nicholas	102	0 - 1	N Chandler	95
11	B Pygall	95	1 - 0	D Caps	91
12	T Kalinin	95	0 - 1	D Preiskel	88
13	A Rothwell	69	0 - 1	S Morris	77
14	E Cormack	91	1 - 0	P McGowan	50
15	N Balderson	89	1 - 0	A Dowling	
16	A Thorpe	82	1 - 0	M Noble	
17	S Greenhill	70	0 - 1	R Mycroft	
18	S Sakings	0.5 - 0.5		S Leith	
19	T Fuller	88	1 - 0	N Woodhouse	
20	M Goodwin	70	1 - 0	E D'Costa	

Bucks Jnrs Lost 9.5 -10.5

Oxfordshire A 18.10.97 Herts Juniors

1	S Crockart	169	1 - 0	C Lovisa	147
2	C Moxley	165	0 - 1	L D'Costa	141
3	P Ball	150	1 - 0	T Allen	125
4	H Searle	139	1 - 0	T Lowson	119
5	N Buchanan	134	1 - 0	default	
6	J Taylor	134	0 - 1	C Turner	113
7	L Smith	131	0 - 1	D Allen	110
8	W Tutty	123	1 - 0	R Morris	106
9	I Brooke	122	1 - 0	default	
10	C Spalding	117	1 - 0	N Chandler	95
11	M Brindley	116	1 - 0	P McGowan	50
12	C Brown	115	1 - 0	V Allen	
13	B Cornes	114	1 - 0	D Haria	
14	J Buchanan	105	1 - 0	P Haria	
15	D Metcalfe (res)	108	1 - 0	default	
16			1 - 0	default	
17			1 - 0	default	
18			1 - 0	default	
19			1 - 0	default	
20			1 - 0	default	

Oxon A Won

17 - 3

Herts Juniors 4.10.97 Berks Juniors

1	C Lovisa	147	1 - 0	J Foster	128
2	L D'Costa	141	1 - 0	L Varnam	124
3	T Lowson	119	0.5 - 0.5	I Houska	123
4	A Humphreys	113	1 - 0	M Honickberg	91
5	D Waltham	118	1 - 0	J Pitts	87
6	C Turner	113	1 - 0	C Goddard	83
7	D Allen	110	1 - 0	T Whipple	52
8	B Williams	107	1 - 0	P Agarwal	44
9	J Palmer	95	1 - 0	M Streeter	55
10	K Devoti	95	1 - 0	P Stubbs	63
11	D Preiskel	88	1 - 0	N Walker	
12	J Griffin		1 - 0	P Maddock	67
13	A Dowling		1 - 0	P Lehain	
14	T Smith		1 - 0	S Baranyi	
15	P McGowan	50	1 - 0	D Platt	
16	R Mycroft		1 - 0	T Page	
17	S Leith		0 - 1	W Foster	82
18	M Noble		1 - 0	default	
19	S Bort		1 - 0	default	
20	E D'Costa	47	1 - 0	default	

Herts Juniors Won 18.5 -1.5

Herts A 8.11.97 Herts Juniors

1	R Waldteufel	163	0 - 1	C Lovisa	147
2	D Hill	150	0 - 1	L D'Costa	141
3	B Judkins	148	1 - 0	default	
4	AD Archibald	147	1 - 0	T Lowson	119
5	I Mutton	137	1 - 0	A Humphreys	113
6	M Wali	136	0 - 1	JG Jones	125
7	S Charles	132	0 - 1	L Noble	121
8	P Myers	130	1 - 0	K Woodhouse	109
9	T Wright	128	0.5 - 0.5	B Williams	107
10	M Connock	125	1 - 0	R Morris	106
11	J Leake	123	1 - 0	J Palmer	95
12	M Flatt	122	1 - 0	default	
13	J Lanaway	118	0 - 1	A Mycroft	
14	T Simms	112	1 - 0	B Williams	94
15	D Marchand	109	1 - 0	D Preiskel	88
16	N Belinfante	109	1 - 0	R Mycroft	
17	G Lunn	106	1 - 0	A Dowling	
18	J Gorman	106	1 - 0	T Smith	
19	Q Latif	104	1 - 0	default	
20	F Batchelor	88	1 - 0	M Noble	

Herts A Won

14.5 -5.5

## Herts Juniors

6.12.97

## Bucks Juniors

1	C Harris	163	0.5 - 0.5	M George	160
2	C Lovisa	147	0 - 1	S Clark	147
3	L D'Costa	141	1 - 0	R Thursby	141
4	A Eskinasi	134	1 - 0	A Hughes	127
5	T Niccoli	133	1 - 0	K Nicholas	125
6	T Lowson	119	0.5 - 0.5	H Lossock	102
7	D Waltham	118	1 - 0	A Rotherwell	69
8	C Turner	113	1 - 0	N Balderson	89
9	A Humphreys	113	1 - 0	A Thorpe	82
10	D Allen	110	1 - 0	T Fuller	88
11	B Williams	107	1 - 0	S Spikings	
12	R Morris	106	1 - 0	M Wells	
13	S Tinsley	98	1 - 0	D Shipley	88
14	N Chandler	95	1 - 0	S Greenhill	70
15	J Beale	98	1 - 0	E Selby	
16	A Challis		1 - 0	D Clark	41
17	J Griffin		0.5 - 0.5	C Williams	
18	A Dowling		1 - 0	B Monteiro	
19	V Allen		0 - 1	M Sharkey	
20	P McGowan	50	0.5 - 0.5	G Scarby	

Herts Juniors Won

16 - 4

## Herts Juniors

28.3.98

## Bucks A

1	C Harris	163	1 - 0	A Kelly	165
2	C Lovisa	147	0.5 - 0.5	B Shipley	154
3	L D'Costa	141	0.5 - 0.5	B Atkinson	150
4	J Leake	123	0.5 - 0.5	R Stephens	144
5	T Lowson	115	0 - 1	D Turner	135
6	C Turner	113	0.5 - 0.5	E Bolduc	135
7	A Humphreys	113	0.5 - 0.5	G Brown	131
8	D Allen	110	0 - 1	K Chainacki	131
9	B Williams	107	0.5 - 0.5	D Lush	123
10	K Devoti	95	1 - 0	D Webb	116
11	D Caps	91	0 - 1	A Hill	115
12	M Webb	84	0 - 1	J Arthur	110
13	J Griffin		0 - 1	G Parker	106
14	J Beale	98	0.5 - 0.5	R Keane	97
15	M Dignam	75	0 - 1	I Hall	96
16	A Dowling		1 - 0	B Hicks	92
17	T Smith		0 - 1	N Arendel	84
18	D Haria		0 - 1	R Johnson	86
19	F Ahmed		1 - 0	G Trent	77
20	M Stemp		0.5 - 0.5	C Bennett	78

Herts Juniors Lost

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## Berkshire A

14.2.98

## Herts Juniors

1	P Maul	155	0.5 - 0.5	C Harris	163
2	P Tickner	154	0 - 1	L D'Costa	141
3	B Mills	148	1 - 0	T Niccoli	133
4	R Betts	146	1 - 0	default	
5	S Gilmour	143	0.5 - 0.5	A Humphreys	113
6	A Jones	140	0 - 1	R Morris	106
7	M Colgate	138	1 - 0	N Chandler	95
8	K Savoy	138	1 - 0	D Preiskel	88
9	B Collins	132	1 - 0	J Palmer	95
10	G Blights	131	1 - 0	D Haria	
11	S Lander	117	1 - 0	M Dignam	75
12	V Makar	112	1 - 0	A Dowling	
13	M Tarrant	110	1 - 0	P Haria	
14			1 - 0	default	
15			1 - 0	default	
16			1 - 0	default	
17			1 - 0	default	
18			1 - 0	default	
19			1 - 0	default	
20			1 - 0	default	

Berkshire A Won

17 - 3

## Herts Juniors

7.12.97

## Cambs J (friendly)

1	L D'Costa	141	1 - 0	P Scott	182
2	T Lowson	119	0 - 1	M Wells	143
3	C Turner	113	0.5 - 0.5	B Williams	107
4	D Allen	110	0.5 - 0.5	T E-Waites	106
5	N Chandler	95	0 - 1	A E-Waites	101
6	F Ahmed	86	0 - 1	W Bennet	
7	T Smith	84	0 - 1	J Larson	
8	M Dignam	75	1 - 0	D Goldhill	76
9	M Noble	85	0 - 1	R Mycroft	
10	V Allen	86	0 - 1	J Lewitt	
11	N Woodhouse	85	0 - 1	N Sofroniew	
12	A Swann	81	1 - 0	J Jenkins	
13	J Skittrell	84	0 - 1	S Chester	
14	E D'Costa	47	1 - 0	M Zarno	

Herts Juniors Lost

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## County & District Correspondence Chess Championship 1997/98

Division 1 (Ward-Higgs): Warwickshire 16.5/26; Essex, Lancashire 16; Kent, Somerset, Sussex 15

Division 2 (Sinclair): Hampshire 19/26; Devon 16; Essex II, Middx 15.5; ... Herts 13 (=9th)

Division 3 (Brown-Pond): Essex III 15.5/20; Surrey II 12; Warwickshire III 11

The Hertfordshire Correspondence Chess team has improved its performance in 97-98. In our best result for several years our score improved from just 10/28 to 13/26. This should be a good springboard for two new initiatives:

1. A Herts Postal Ladder competition starts in mid October. Pairings can be requested at any time. All Herts players are welcome, particularly those who have not tried postal chess before.
2. A match between Herts and the British Correspondence Chess Association (BCCA) is also being arranged, with a start date of Dec 98 or Jan 99

Anyone who is interested in taking part in either or both of these new events should contact Graham Williams, 11 Greenside Drive, Hitchin, SG5 2LP. tel. 01462 - 452849

Herts Correspondence		'97 - '98	Composite team	
1	DR Brennan (W)	0.5 - 0.5	B Collinson	(Norfolk)
2	E Ratcliffe	0 - 1	W Lumley	(Yorks)
3	P May	1 - 0	A Rounding	(Northumberland)
4	A Gray	0.5 - 0.5	F Bristow	(Lancs)
5	P Maguire	0.5 - 0.5	A Price	(Warks II)
6	S Law	0.5 - 0.5	G Phillips	(Cumbria)
7	A Reed	1 - 0	T Turner	(Essex II)
8	J West	1 - 0	D Tunks	(Hants)
9	J Sharp	0.5 - 0.5	R Vanini	(Gr Manchester)
10	R Forst	0.5 - 0.5	J Springall	(Bucks)
11	M Dyer	0 - 1	P Lewin	(Middx)
12	J McKenzie	1 - 0	G De Visme	(Staffs)
13	G Williams	0.5 - 0.5	S Murray	(Berks)
14	R Boardman	1 - 0	D Heath	(Kent II)
15	J Rhodes	0 - 1	J Dunleavy	(Devon I)
16	T Wright	0 - 1	A Grimmer	(Cornwall)
17	R Butler	0.5 - 0.5	D White	(Northants)
18	J Lanaway	1 - 0	D Roots	(Norfolk)
19	R Claret	0 - 1	S Webster	(Yorks)
20	D Parrott	0.5 - 0.5	P Welsh	(Northumberland)
21	A Prince	0 - 1	T Turp	(Lincs)
22	G Miller	0 - 1	C Hammersley	(Warks II)
23	B Morris	1 - 0	K Thompson	(Cumbria)
24	A Potter	1 - 0	K Spurgeon	(Essex II)
25	A Piaers	0 - 1	P Hebblethwaite	(Hants)
26	G Hickford	0.5 - 0.5	C Cummings	(Gr Manchester)
Herts Drew		13 - 13		

AF Reed (Herts) - T Turner (Essex II) Correspondence (County & District 97-98, Division 2)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.f4 d6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.0-0 0-0 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 e5 (this fails to solve the problem of Black's lack of space) 11.fe de 12.d5 cd 13.ed Qe7 14.Rael (probably +/- already) a6 15.a3 b5 16.Bg5 Qd6 17.g4 (was this necessary?) Rac8 18.Rf2 e4 (a temporary sacrifice trying to deal with the cramping pawn on d5) 19.Bxe4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Qxd5 21.Rd1 Qc6 22.Rd6 (White now constricts Black with pieces rather than pawns) Qc7 23.Bh6! (winning a pawn) Bxh6 24.Rxd7 Qe5 (obviously not ...Qxd7?? 25.Nf6+) 25.Rxf7 Rxsf7 26.Qxf7+ Kh8 27.Qf3 Qxb2 ("=" - I assume this signifies a draw offer. Unfortunately Black loses by force now!) 28.Nd6 Rf8 29.Nf7+ Kg7 30.Qb7 Be3 31.Ng5+ Kh6 32.Qe7+ resigns  
(Brief notes by JFM)

### 14th Letchworth One-Day Congress

Plinston Hall, Letchworth, Herts, on Sunday 15.3.98  
5 round swiss (junior events 6 round swiss)  
sponsored by Vitaulic Systems. Total prizes £803

<b>Premier (open)</b>	<b>J. Vigus, B. Lalic 4, P. Georgiou (Barnet), M. Ferguson, M. Turner, G. Kenworthy (Bumble Green) 3.5</b>
(U190)	J. Lumsden (Watford), L. Ndhlovu 3
(U175)	R. O'Brien 3
(Herts/Beds)	G. Kenworthy (above)
<b>Challengers (U160)</b>	<b>M. Cutmore, I. Debbage 4.5, P. Turner 4</b>
(U140)	L. Trent 3.5
(Herts/Beds)	S. Smith (Watford) 3
<b>Major (U125)</b>	<b>P. Kennelly, W. Bennet, M. Wieder 4.5</b>
(U110)	S. Trent 3.5
(junior)	L. Dorrington 3.5
(veteran)	P. Radley (Royston) 3.5
(slow starter)	K. Woodhouse (Royston) 2
<b>Minor (U95)</b>	<b>C. Kelly 5, R. Mycroft (Royston) 4.5, D. Morgan, P. Sargent (Hemel Hempstead) 4</b>
(junior)	J. Purcell 3.5
(veteran)	J. Pepper (Letchworth & Hitchin) 3
(slow starter)	A. Maddison (Letchworth & Hitchin) 2.5
<b>Bishops (u14)</b>	<b>R. Child 6, J. Winkworth 5, D. Gunn, S. Mullens (Stanborough Sch), G. Morgan, J. Harbour 4</b>
<b>Pawns (u11)</b>	<b>T. Harbour, E. Scappatura 5.5, A. Kolanis, A. Craigen, S. Weaver, I. Bunkeld, F. Mohamed, S. Harbour 4.5</b>

Teams of 4 Family Harbour (John, Joanna, Sophie and Tom Harbour) 74%

Please note date of next years' congress: Sunday 7.3.99. Contact Tim Thurstan 01462-459873.

### 16th St Albans Congress

St Albans School, Abbey Gateway, St Albans, on Sat/Sun 4/5 April 1998.  
5 round swiss. Total entry 222. Total prizes £1930

<b>Premier (U201)</b>	<b>P. Potopaev 4.5, A. Reijneveld 4, G. Van Dijk, J. Havenaar 3.5</b>
<b>Challengers</b>	<b>N. De Peyer 4.5, W. Van Randen, R. O'Brien 4, L. D'Costa (Royston), D. Parr, S. Den Haan, I. Okosieme, T. Bean 3.5</b>
<b>Major</b>	<b>P. Tart, L. Osiyemi 4.5, L. Trent, M. Stanners, K. Nicholas, A. Hall (Watford) 4</b>
<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>D. Waltham (St Albans), P. Gill 4.5, E. Walker, M. Leman 4</b>
<b>Minor</b>	<b>D. Hanson, J. Dawson 4.5, K. Devoti (Bishops Stortford), M. Coughtrey, R. Burroughs 4</b>

Teams of 4: 1st Holland  
2nd= Oxford Blues, Pays Bas, Trentiums, Local Yokels.

Next years congress will be 10/11 April 1999, same venue.

**CAPEL CUP: won by Gary Kenworthy**

Kevin Baggs	<b>Gary Kenworthy</b>	<b>Gary Kenworthy</b>	<b>Gary Kenworthy</b>	
<b>Gary Kenworthy</b>				
Ian Hall	Phillip Gregory	<b>Gary Kenworthy</b>		
Phillip Gregory				
<i>Tom Wright (w/d)</i>	John Denton			
John Denton				
<i>bye</i>	Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell	John Denton		
Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell				
Steve Law	Steve Law		Steve Law	
Jon Freeman				
<i>bye</i>	Adam Corper	Steve Law		
Adam Corper				
Steve Collins	Phil Maguire	Chris Briscoe		
Phil Maguire				
<i>bye</i>	Chris Briscoe			
Chris Briscoe				

**BURN CUP: won by Steve Law**

Ian Hall	<b>Steve Law</b>	<b>Steve Law</b>	<b>Steve Law</b>	
<b>Steve Law</b>				
Chris Lean	Peter Bunce			
Peter Bunce				
<i>Tom Wright</i>	<i>Kevin Baggs (w/d)</i>	Tom Wright		
<i>Kevin Baggs (w/d)</i>				
Steve Collins	Paul Martin	Tom Wright		
Paul Martin				

## **HCA Secondary Schools Event**

Onslow St Audrey's, Sunday 29.3.98

Six Round Swiss in two sections (U17 and U12) (36 entered, 29 played)

**U17** **Jonathan Daykin** (Merchant Taylor's) **5**, Cesar Fernandez (Nicholas Breakspear) **4.5**  
**(U14)** **Christopher Smith** (Bishops Stortford High) **4**  
**(U13)** **Philip MacDonald** (Roundwood Park) **4**

**U12** **Charles Davie** (Verulam), **Alexander Bagley** (Haileybury) **5.5**,  
(girls) **Joanne Wright** (Hemel Hempstead) **1**

**Teams** **Nicholas Breakspear** (David Breeden, Andrew Christley, Timothy Troy, Benjamin Woolford-Lim) **13**,  
Roundwood Park (Nicholas Cockayne, James Kelliher, Phillip MacDonald, Omar Shahrya) **12.5**

## **HCA North Herts League Congress**

Hitchin Boys, Sunday 5.10.97

Five Round Swiss in two sections (U17 and U11)

**U17** **Andrew Jackson** (Hitchin Boys) **5**, Allan Swann (John Henry Newman) **3**  
**(U15)** **David Cornish** (Heathcote) **3.5**, John Collins (St Christopher), Chris Jackson (Hitchin Boys),  
Alex Hankinson-Parr (Hitchin Boys) **3**  
**(U14)** **Stephen White** (Hitchin Boys) **4**, Damien Pilkington-Lewis (St Christopher) **2**  
**(U13)** **James Selley** (Hitchin Boys) **3.5**, Samir Jehaj (Hitchin Boys) **3**  
**(U12)** **Luke Bishop** (Hitchin Boys), **Ben Cheal** (Hitchin Boys) **2**

**Teams** **Hitchin Boys I** (Andrew Jackson, Samir Jeraj, James Selley, David Morgan) **13.5**,  
Hitchin Boys III (Stephen White, Chris Jackson, Alan Howard, Alex Hankinson-Parr) **11.5**

**U11** **Daniel Allen** (St Vincent de Paul) **5**, James Shakespeare-Smith (St Thomas More) **4**  
**(U10)** **Tom Gilbert** (St Thomas More) **4**, Shaun Smith (St Thomas More), Matthew Allen (St Vincent de Paul) **3**  
**(U9)** **Elizabeth Skalski** (St Thomas More) **2.5**, Michael Cheal (Pixmore) **1.5**  
**(U8)** **James Brooks** (Highover) **1.5**

**Teams** **St Thomas More** (Adam Skalski, Shaun Smith, Tom Gilbert, James Shakespeare-Smith) **13**,  
St Vincent de Paul (Matthew Allen, David Allen, William Hollis) **10.5**

## **HCA Central & West Primary School Event**

Fleetville, Sunday 21.6.98

Five Round Swiss in 4 sections (U11, U10, U9, U8, with 23, 30, 24 and 24 entries respectively)

<b>U11</b>	<b>Matthew Dignam</b> (St Thomas More, B'hampsteasd) <b>5</b> , Akhil Kapacee (Radlett), Robin Buckley (Yorke Mead), Phillip Bartell (Holmshill) <b>4</b> (girls) Helen Pearce (Lt. Gaddesden) <b>3</b> , Elizabeth Warden (Fleetville) <b>2</b>
<b>U10</b>	<b>Christopher Waters</b> (Crabtree), <b>Christopher West</b> (Yorke Mead), <b>Ross Cubbon</b> (Crabtree), <b>Thomas Whiddett</b> (Lt. Gaddesden) <b>4</b> (girls) Julie MacQueen (Bromet) <b>3</b> , Ruth Pritchard (Lt. Gaddesden), Hannah O'Shee (Prae Wood), Gemma Lakin (Prae Wood), Zoe Bidgood (Little Heath) <b>2.5</b>
<b>U9</b> (girls)	<b>Edward Pinter</b> (Crabtree) <b>5</b> , Sam Thompson (Prae Wood), David McGonegle (Lt. Heath) <b>4</b> Anna Savitsky (Bishops Wood) <b>3</b> , Elizabeth Cooke (Kenilworth), Cassie Chapman (Lt. Gaddesden) <b>2</b>
<b>U8</b> (girls) (U7)	<b>Andrew Humbles</b> (Kenilworth) <b>5</b> , George Taylor (Kenilworth), Robert Pearce (Lt. Gaddesden), Andrew Teasdale (Oakwood) <b>4</b> <b>Amy Thompson</b> (Oakwood) <b>1</b> <b>Charlie Allen</b> (Kenilworth) <b>2</b> , Vijesh Tanna (Northwood), Sam Reynolds (Lt. Gaddesden) <b>1.5</b>
<b>Teams</b>	<b>Crabtree</b> (Ross Cubbon, Chang He, Edward Pinder, Matthew Smith) <b>15.5</b> , Lt. Gaddesden (Helen Pearce, Thomas Whiddett, Ruth Pritchard, Robert Pearce) <b>13.5</b>

## **HCA North & East Primary Schools Event**

Bengeo, Sunday 17.5.98

Five Round Swiss in one section (U11)

<b>U11</b>	<b>David Williams</b> (St Thomas More) <b>4.5</b> , James Shakespeare-Smith (St Thomas More) <b>4</b>
<b>(U10)</b>	<b>Tom Gilbert</b> (St Thomas More) <b>4.5</b> , Oliver Mason (St Thomas More), Shaun Smith (St Thomas More) <b>3.5</b>
<b>(girls)</b>	<b>Daniella Rizzo</b> (St Thomas More) <b>2</b>
<b>(U9)</b>	<b>Simon McConnell</b> (Northgate) <b>3.5</b> , Nathan Davies (St Mary's, Ware) <b>3</b>
<b>(U8)</b>	<b>Ryan Simmons</b> (St Vincent de Paul, Stevenage) <b>0.5</b>
<b>Teams</b>	<b>St Thomas More I</b> (Tom Gilbert, James Shakespeare-Smith, David Williams, Shaun Smith) <b>16.5</b> <b>St Thomas More II</b> (Stefan Tarnowski, Robert Smith, Oliver Mason, Daniella Rizzo) <b>10.5</b>

**1998 - 99 DIARY**

<b>County 1st team</b>			7 Nov	Surrey	away	20 Feb	Oxon	away
10 Oct	Berks	away	5 Dec	Essex	away	6 Mar	Berks	home
31 Oct	Cambs	home	16 Jan	OXON	home	20 Mar	Bucks	away
14 Nov	OXON	away	23 Jan	Middx	away			
16 Jan	Kent	home	20 Mar	Kent	home			
30 Jan	Surrey	away						
13 Feb	Sussex	home	<b>U100</b>					
27 Feb	Essex	away	17 Oct	Kent	away	7 Nov	Bucks J	away
13 Mar	Bucks	home	28 Nov	Essex	home	5 Dec	Berks	home
			30 Jan	Surrey	away	19 Dec	Bucks	away
<b>U150</b>			13 Mar	Middx	home	9 Jan	Bucks J	home
31 Oct	Surrey	home				23 Jan	OXON	home
28 Nov	Essex	away	<b>Chiltern</b>			13 Feb	Berks J	away
13 Feb	Sussex	home	19 Sept	OXON	home			
27 Feb	Middx	away	3 Oct	Herts J	home			
13 Mar	Kent	away	17 Oct	Bucks J	home	<b>Congresses</b>		
			7 Nov	Berks J	away	5-6 Dec		Hitchin
<b>U125</b>			21 Nov	Berks	away	23-24 Jan		Barnet
24 Oct	Sussex	home	5 Dec	Bucks	home	7 Mar		Letchworth
						10-11 April		St Albans

**EVERGREEN GAME** - this is outstanding !!

**KR Clark - JH Hodgson**

Herts v Essex, S.C.C.U. Championship 1997/98 28th February 1998

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cd 5.Bc4 Qc7** Black adopts an aggressive approach. If Bxd5, then Qxe5+ and 7...Qxd5 wins a pawn. **6.Qe2 Nb6 7.Bb3** I had understood that 7.Bd3 was more usual, but b3 seemed a more natural square for the bishop. 7... d3 Offering a sacrifice for the second time, but white's e-pawn disappears if the d pawn is taken. **8.Qe4 Qc6** Black offers the exchange of queens to free his position. **9.Nd2 Qxe4+? ... Na6** threatening Nc5 was more appropriate. **10.Nxe4 Nc6 11.Nf3 h6** Suddenly, black realises that the exchange of queens has created more problems than it has solved. Black wants to play ... g6 & Bg7, but the threat of Ng5 is powerful, since Black leaves weaknesses on the black squares around his king if he defends with ... e6. The e pawn needs defending against an eventual ... g6 & Bg7. **12.Bf4** seemed natural, but a bit awkward after the reply ... g5. So I considered a deeper continuation, and found that it worked! **12.0-0 g5 13.Re1 g4** In years to come, perhaps this position will be found in a beginner's book, as an example of good development v. bad. Black has neglected his development in favour of an attack on White's king's knight, and if that knight moves, he hopes to hold his position with 14 ... Nxe5. He has overlooked a devastating continuation. **14.Nd6+!! ed** A forced reply, for if 14 ... Kd8, 15 Nxf7 wins the rook. **15.ed+ Kd8** The pawn on d6 cuts Black's position in 2, and his queenside pieces need several moves to develop. Even without the continuation below, Black has a struggle to reach a tenable position. **16.Ng5!! hg** White sacrifices his other knight, which must be taken to stop 17. Nxf7+ **17.Bg5+ Be7** This defence to the check surrenders the dark squares around the king to white's bishop, but 17 ... Ne7 is hardly any better. **18.Rxe7 Nxe7** Up till now, Black had been accepting the sacrifices offered at some speed, perhaps believing I had miscalculated. With my next move, he suddenly realises the game is up. **19.Bxf7!** There is no hurry to take on e7, which releases the pin and allows the Black king to escape to e8. Instead, White creates a mating net. **19... Nbd5** Black offers a sacrifice to gain time. Whilst White could simply take the piece for nothing, it does not need to be taken. **20.Re1 d2 ... Re8** would prolong the game a little, but the move chosen allows an artistic finish. **21.Rxe7 d1=Q+ Bystanders at the game may have thought that there is a forced checkmate in 2. They were right!** **22.Re1+ Ne7** No time for Black to use his newly promoted queen. **23.Bxe7 mate** The final position is reminiscent of master games from bygone days. It is not a game that I will easily forget!

# HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

FROM D PARROTT - COUNTY GRADER

## 1998 REPORT

In my report to the 1997 AGM, I commented on the drive by the BCF towards a completely computerised grading system and the need at sometime in the future to find a replacement willing to undertake the work on a computer. At the time there seemed no great urgency, and I was re-elected. However a report passed on to me by Chris Lean by the new Director of Grading for the BCF, Chris Howell, indicates that it is seen as desirable to remove dinosaurs like me as soon as possible. A small section from the summary indicates the tone of the BCF's thinking "the current grading system has been in crisis for some time; the new grading system will arrive on the scene just in time to avoid any worsening of what was quite a serious short fall in the perceived quality of the BCF list.....it is hoped that shortly into the new millennium we will have a user friendly, state of the art grading and administration system". While I shall of course continue for as long as required I feel the HCA needs to look for a replacement at the end of this season, or at the very latest the season after.

The desirability of moving to a computerised system was highlighted at the end of last season. I was attempting to incorporate a flood of very late results into the seasons figures, when I was contacted for the very first time of the season by the BCF, to inform me that I had just three days to get the results in, in time for printing. As a result I had to send in all the data I had, without time for completing the results or checking for accuracy. As some of you will have discovered by now this meant that 7 players (ironically including one D Parrott) did not appear on the list at all, and a further 10 did not have all the data included. I have listed them with their correct grades at the end of this report.

As indicated, the lateness of many of the received results meant that some 170 had to carried over until next season. This is reflected in the fact that only 2193 games (i.e 4386 individual results) were processed, compared with the previous seasons 2333 and the record of 2505. The number of Hertfordshire registered players dropped from 381 to 369. Most worryingly however was the number of new players (i.e previously unregistered players who played 5 plus games) was down from last seasons already all time low of 39 to 20. (IS IT A DYING SPORT?).

The greatest number of results inevitably came from Hoddesdon with 801 (781 last year), with St Albans providing 474 (419) and Watford 383 (546). St Albans again, fielded the most players with 51, Watford had 36 and Hemel Hempstead 34. Hemel had the most new players with just 4.

For the fifth year running the most number of games were played by Roger Kearns, although he must be running out of steam with just 61 (7780 points) compared with last years 79. His nearest rivals were Alan Patmore, 52 games 5418 points, Alan Gore 50 games 6445 points and Ron Hughes 48 games 7007 points - all needless to say from Hoddesdon.

The top ten players included just one new face to the list, and that pleasingly a lady (the first to get into this list) in Natasha Regan. The full list is as follows:

1.	Gary Kenworthy	213
2.	Natasha Regan	206
3.	Howard Tebbs	205
4.	Paul Georghiou	204
5.	Steve Swanson	200
6.	Paul Byway	197
7.	Jeremy Lumsden	191
8.	Tryfon Gavriel	188
9.	Jerry Rudge	185
10.	Mike Boyce	183

These grades are for results achieved just in HCA games.

Eight players managed 8 or more games unbeaten in the Hertfordshire league last season. They were: Lorin D'Costa 10.5 / 12, Alan Gore 9 / 12, Howard Tebbs 8.5 / 12, Dave Faulkner 8.5 / 11, Natasha Regan 8.5 / 11, Ross Brennan 8.5 / 11, Ian Jenkins 6 / 9 and Gary Kenworthy 7.5 / 8.

Seven players last season achieved results in their HCA games that were more than 20 points better than their grade. Amazingly Lorin D'Costa appears in this list for the third year running. The full results are:

1.	Lorin D'Costa	174 from 141
2.	Mike Boyce	183 from 151
3.	Robert Johnson	120 from 90
4.	Pete Tuck	121 from 95
5.	Mark Pearson	139 from 114
6.	Howard Tebbs	205 from 182
	Chris Dyer	147 from 124

It is especially pleasing to have in Pete Tuck and Chris Dyer two players, who come for a change, from one of the smaller clubs.

Finally, in order to assist the accurate identification of players the BCF is requesting full names and if possible dates of birth of all players. It would be of great assistance all round if the full names AT LEAST can be entered onto the results cards. I'll leave dates of birth to your discretion.

Players missed out from the grading list : C Cale 133, D Carr 98, J Dio 108, B Gardiner 93, L Jones 129, P Littlefair 133, D Parrott 129, S Smith 148.

Players whose grades will be changed by extra results are : P Bunce 119, R Carter 132, A Hall 136, D Healey 100, G James 139, S Morris 98, A Sims 117, M Webb 89 and J Wholly 102.

Dave Parrott